| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1405  Responded to: 23rd May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 regarding reports of alleged paranormal incidents received by Police Scotland.

## Specifically, I would like to request:

## The number of reports made by Police Scotland relating to alleged paranormal activity (e.g. ghost, haunting, apparition, poltergeist activity, supernatural phenomena) between 1 January 2020 and the present.

## A general summary or categorisation of the types of incidents reported, if available (e.g. locations, nature of report, any formal investigation undertaken).

## Any internal guidance or notes Police Scotland holds regarding the handling of such reports, if such documents exist.

We note that this request seeks data regarding 'reports by' Police Scotland as opposed to reports/ calls to Police Scotland as per your other recent request, our reference FOI 25-1358.

Notwithstanding, it remains the case that I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, I can advise that there is no incident classification which directly aligns with the type/s of activity outlined in your request. The only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually review each individual incident report from January 1st, 2020, onwards to assess their relevancy within the scope of ‘paranormal activity’. Unfortunately, given the volume of reports that would be required to be read through for this period, this exercise would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.